

## House Republican Press Release

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### Bill To Conduct Cardiac Care Study Clears Key Legislative Committee



On Monday, May 23, the General Assembly's Legislative Management Committee approved legislation introduced by State Rep. Mary Ann Carson and State Sen. David Capiello that would require the state to conduct a study on cardiac care in Connecticut. House Bill 6304 now goes before the full House of Representatives for consideration.

HB 6304 would require the state to establish a committee to develop a data collection system for cardiac outcomes (or utilize an existing data collection system) to ensure quality cardiac care services. The committee would consist of one representative from each hospital in this state that provides cardiac surgery, angioplasty or cardiac catheterization services, from recommendations submitted by the chief executive officer of each respective hospital. The Commissioners of Health Care Access and Public Health, or their designees, would serve as committee chairpersons.

The committee would be required to submit the results of the study, along with any recommendations, to the Governor and the Legislature's Public Health Committee by December 1, 2007. "This study would thoroughly evaluate how cardiac care is administered in facilities throughout the state," said Rep. Carson. "Recommendations resulting from the study may also lead to improved services for all of Connecticut's cardiac patients."